

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A heatable composite pane, comprising:

~~a trapezoidal outline and~~ a heating area including heating wires embedded in the composite pane, ~~and formed from heating wires, which are laid alongside one another the~~ composite pane having a trapezoidal outline;

at least two main busbars that connect ends of a ~~number~~ first group of heating wires to one another electrically in parallel and that are located opposite along side edges of the composite pane, which run parallel to one another, ~~[[with]]~~ and at least one ~~busbar also~~ extending of the busbars extends along the side edge in an area of an outer triangular surface of the trapezoidal outline, ~~[[and]]~~ wherein

~~at least one~~ the outer triangular surface of the trapezoidal outline ~~is also occupied by~~ further includes at least a second group and a third group of heating wires~~[[,]]~~ that can be fed electrically via the busbars and that run essentially parallel to one another, ~~and to the heating wires of the heating area, and with at least two groups of heating wires, which are electrically connected in series with one another, also being provided,~~

~~wherein,~~ in the area of the ~~at least one~~ outer triangular surface, heating wires ~~which are located parallel alongside one another and~~ in the second group and the third group have different lengths and are combined to ~~form groups~~ be connected in parallel with the first group, and

~~wherein at least two of the groups~~ the second group and the third group are electrically connected to one another in series such that an effective wire length between the

two main busbars is increased, to homogenize ~~[[the]]~~ heating power in the triangular surface with ~~[[the]]~~ heating power in the heating area.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The heatable composite pane as claimed in claim 18, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:

an additional busbar is used as a connection between in each case two groups of heating wires, the busbar configured to connect the second group and the third group of heating wires.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The heatable composite pane as claimed in claim 19, wherein the additional ~~busbars are~~ busbar is arranged in parallel with the two main busbars.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The heatable composite pane as claimed in claim 18, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a number of wires in the ~~individual groups~~ first group, the second group, and the third group of heating wires is different ~~or is the same~~.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The heatable composite pane as claimed in claim 18, wherein limbs of the two main busbars also extend along at least one side edge in the area of the outer triangular surfaces of the trapezoidal outline, and end on both sides of a separation point.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The heatable composite pane as claimed in claim 22, wherein external connections of the two main busbars are arranged in an area of free ends of the limbs on both sides of ~~[[a]]~~ the separation point.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The heatable composite pane as claimed in claim 18, wherein external connections of the ~~at least~~ two main busbars are connected in a physically adjacent form close to a corner of the composite pane.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The heatable composite pane as claimed in claim 18, wherein at least one of the busbars is subdivided into two electrically separate sections, each of which includes an external connection.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The heatable composite pane as claimed in claim 18, wherein the ~~side~~ heating wires in the outer triangular surface have an electrical resistance per unit length that differs from that of the heating wires in the central heating area.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The heatable composite pane as claimed in claim 26, wherein the ~~side~~ heating wires in the outer triangular surface have a higher resistance than the heating wires in the central heating area.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The heatable composite pane as claimed in claim 26, wherein the ~~side~~ heating wires in the outer triangular surface have a lower resistance than the heating wires in the central heating area.

Claims 29-32 (Canceled).

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The heatable composite pane as claimed in claim 18, including an edge area provided with an opaque colored strip that optically coats the busbars.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of a~~ The heatable composite pane as claimed in claim 18, wherein the heatable composite pane is a windshield or a rear windshield in a vehicle, as its windshield or rear windshield.

Claim 35 (New): The heatable composite pane as claimed in claim 18, wherein the busbars are located on a perimeter of the composite pane such that none of the heating wires extend outside of the busbars.

Claim 36 (New): The heatable composite pane as claimed in claim 18, wherein the first group, the second group, and the third group of the heating wires are substantially perpendicular to parallel edges of the trapezoidal outline of the composite pane.

Claim 37 (New): The heatable composite pane as claimed in claim 18, further comprising:

a fourth group of heating wires located in the outer triangular surface; and
an additional busbar configured to connect the fourth group of heating wires in series with the third group of heating wires.

Claim 38 (New): A heatable composite pane, comprising:

a first group of substantially parallel heating wires embedded in the composite pane and traveling from a top region of the composite pane to a bottom region of the composite pane;

a second group of substantially parallel heating wires embedded in the composite pane and traveling from a side region of the composite pane to the bottom region of the composite pane;

a third group of substantially parallel heating wires embedded in the composite pane and traveling from the side region of the composite pane to the bottom region of the composite pane;

a fourth group of substantially parallel heating wires embedded in the composite pane and traveling from the side region of the composite pane to the bottom region of the composite pane;

a first busbar extending along the top region and a portion of the side region of the composite pane and receiving top ends of the first group and the second group of heating wires;

a second busbar provided at the bottom region of the composite pane and receiving bottom ends of the first group and the fourth group of heating wires to connect the first group of heating wires in parallel with a combination of the second group, the third group, and the fourth group of heating wires;

a third busbar provided at the bottom region of the composite pane and receiving bottom ends of the second group and third group of heating wires to connect the second group and third group of heating wires in series; and

a fourth busbar provided at the side region of the composite pane and receiving top ends of the third group and the fourth group of heating wires to connect the third group and fourth group of heating wires in series,

wherein the composite pane has a trapezoidal shape.

Claim 39 (New): A heatable composite pane, comprising:

a first group of substantially parallel heating wires embedded in the composite pane and traveling from a top region of the composite pane to a bottom region of the composite pane;

a second group of substantially parallel heating wires embedded in the composite pane and traveling from a side region of the composite pane to the bottom region of the composite pane;

a third group of substantially parallel heating wires embedded in the composite pane and traveling from the side region of the composite pane to the bottom region of the composite pane;

a first busbar extending along the top region and a first portion of the side region of the composite pane and receiving top ends of the first group and the second group of heating wires;

a second busbar provided at the bottom region and a second portion of the side region of the composite pane and receiving bottom ends of the first group and top ends of the third group of heating wires to connect the first group of heating wires in parallel with a combination of the second group and the third group of heating wires; and

a third busbar provided at the bottom region of the composite pane and receiving bottom ends of the second group and the third group of heating wires to connect the second group and the third group of heating wires in series,

wherein the composite pane has a trapezoidal shape.